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SUBJECT: CANADIAN DEFENSE REVIEW; NORWEGIAN DEMARCHE

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1. NORWEGIAN CHARGE SELMER INFORMED DEFAD LEGERE JULY 9 OF NORWAY-
CANADA DISCUSSIONS ON CANADIAN DEFENSE REVIEW. AS RESULT OF LEGERE
CONVERSATION WITH NORWEGIAN DEFAD LEINE JUNE 5 (REPORTED REFTEL), MR.
VIBE OF NORWEGAIN FOREIGN OFFICE HAD CONTACTED CANADAIAAN AMABASSADOR IN

OSLO JULY 2 TO INQUIRE AS TO POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF DEFENSE REVIEW ON

NATO AND NORWAY.

2. CANADIAN AMABASSADOR RESPONDED JULY 3 WITH LETTER TO MR VIBE WHICH
REFERRED TO PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU'S SUMMIT ASSURANCE TO FRG CHAN-
CELLOR SCHMIDT OF CONSULTATIONS, AND LATER TRUDEAU STATEMENTS RE-
GARDING MAINTENANCE OF EVVECTIVENESS OF CANADIAN CONTRIBUTION TO NATO
AS A GOAL OF DEFENSE REVIEW. IN THIS LETTER, CANADIANAMBASSADOR
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ALSO REFERRED TO CANADAIN CONSULTATIONS WITH FRG AND US, AND
ADDED THAT IF OTHER ALLIES WISH SIMILAR CONSULTATIONS, THEY
COULD AND SHOLD MAKE WISHES KNOWN TO CANADAIAAN PERREP IN
BRUSSELS.

3. MR VIBE RESPONDED TO CANADIAN LETTER WITH THANKS AND
OBSERVATION THAT NORWEGIAN FOREIGN OFFICE WAS PASSING QUESTION OF
POSSIBLE CANADA-NORWAY BILATERALS TO MOD.

4. COMMENT: WE DO NOT BELIEVE FURTHER BILATERALS WOULD PREJUDICE
LATER MULTILATERAL CONSULTATIONS, ESPECIALLY SINCE DEFENSE REVIEW
IS IN EARLY PHASE. WE WILL REMAIN IN TOUCH WITH NORWEGIAN DELEGATION
HERE TO SEE IF ANY FOLLOW-UP OCCURS. END COMMENT.
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